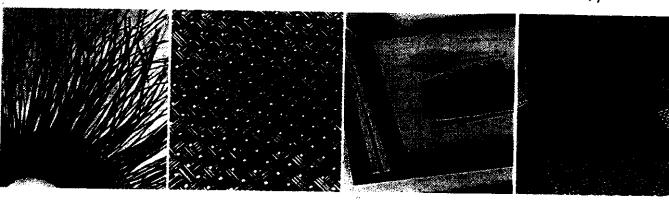
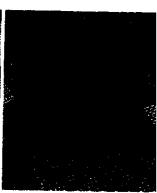
EXHIBIT B

7.31.05 The Industry By Matt Lee and Ted Lee

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A low-end plastic fabric moves from the patio to the city's top tables.





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owners. Whether it looks organic or more steellike, the mat is a smart-looking frame for a \$22 plate of house-cured fole gras. And it is handvashable, which means restaurants can eliminate the cost of laundering tablecloths. The current rate for laundry service, about \$1 per tablecloth, seems like small change until you calculate: at Annisa, a 13-table operation in the West Village, the cleaning oill is about \$7,000 per year. (That doesn't include napkins, aprons and chefs' jackets.)

Still, some restaurateurs, even Tom Colicatio, executive chef at Craft, were initially apprehensive

about plastic.

The whole idea of Craft — the design imperative — was to use all-natural materials, to show how everything is put together and to be very tactile in general," Kate Grieco said. "Everything in the restaurant is wood and slate."

But Grieco thought the plastic mats were subtle enough to work with the restaurant's interiors. The place mats were as much of a hit as the restaurant's artisanal dishes. Craft began to sell its overstock directly to customers. Now diners are seterred to Barneys. The mats are also on the tables at Craftsteak in Las Vegas, and they will be on the lables when Craft opens in Dallas in 2006.

It didn't hurt that Chilewich introduced her place mats to the restaurant marker at an opportune time. Over the last decade, the silver-service atmosphere or high-end restaurants has been replaced with a more casual but nigh-design look. And it you have nvested in custom Christian Liagre tables, as Merer Kitchen did, you are more inclined to highlight. the wenge wood rather than to drape a white tableclosh over it. Regardless, you need to put something town to protect your investment against spided red متبري والصاوف المراوي والمراوي والمترون والمترون

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The hallmarks of French food — the silkiness of a role gras terrine, the crunch of duck skin, the weightiess decen of a good soutfle - are often about texture. On a fecentrip to Paris, I noticed that the texture that seemed to be on every chef's mind was the somwobbly chill of gelées — which are essentially Jell-O made with real flavors. Chefs blend from and vegetable pieces and even broths, with plain gelatin, then use bits of the chilled gelees as a flavoring component - temon verbena gelée in a lobster salad, say, or squares of plum gelee surrounding an 11mond take. One thef dotted a salad of asparagus and beets with a version made from chicken mock and dressed the regetables with a spicy paprika rinalgrette Gelees can be loose or firm. One packet of powdered gelatin mixed with two cups of liquid will yield a firm gelée. They are an especially handy touch in summer, when a cool and sparkling spoonful can intensify a dish's flavor at the same time it refreshes. At L'Entredgeu, a bistro, strawberries were sucked beneath clear pink beads of Cerdon gelét (Cerdon is a sweet, lightly fizzy rosé) and topped with a fromage blane sorbet. Here, I've used raspberries in place of strawberries and layered the gelée, fromage blanc and fruit in glasses, like a parfait

Crab Salad With Tomato-Sake Gelée

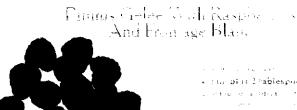
34 pound ripe (omatoes, chopped)

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- packet gelatin, softened in 3 tablespoons wate:
- a pound jumbo lump crabmeator cooked and peeled small shrimp

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- 8 basil leaves, very thinly sliced Freshly ground black pepper
- % sup finely dired recumber.
- 1. Purée the romanes in a mod processor. Strain through a fine-meshed sieve into a small saucepan. This should yield about I cup liquid. Add the sake to the somato wiver and hear over a medium-low flame until very marm to the touch. Season to taste with talt. Remove from the heat and stir in the gelatin until it is fully dissolved. Pour into a pie disc or other paging distribuilly into their
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